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PRIME Act will help curb improper payments, strengthen Medicaid and Medicare

Washington, D.C. – [The American Coalition for Healthcare Claims Integrity \(ACHCI\)](#) today issued the following statement regarding the Preventing Improper Medicare & Medicaid Expenditures (PRIME) Act, a bill proposed by Senators Tom Carper (D-Del.) and Tom Coburn (R. Okla.), as well as Reps. Peter Roskam (R-Ill.) and John Carney (D-Del.). The bipartisan legislation seeks to strengthen federal healthcare programs by enacting stronger penalties for healthcare fraud, and improving fraud prevention programs and strategies.

“The PRIME Act is exactly the type of legislation that Congress needs to be working on in order to safeguard the Medicare program. We commend Congress’s effort to address several key issues plaguing federal healthcare programs and costing taxpayers billions every year,” said coalition spokesperson Amanda Keating.

“The proposed legislation resonates with our coalition’s mission to strengthen and protect our federal healthcare programs. We strive to work with hospitals and the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to help return critical funds to the Medicare Trust Fund by identifying billing errors. Last year alone, auditors corrected over \$2.4 billion in improper payments. The PRIME Act is a welcome companion to our efforts to bring greater accountability to the federal healthcare system.”

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